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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 9, 2006, applicant makes the following response to the Restriction Requirement.

REMARKS

The undersigned thanks the examiner for the telephonic interview of clarification today in which the Restriction Requirement was clarified.

The Examiner has subjected this application to restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121. The Examiner has formed two groups of claims, Group I drawn to claims 1-29 for a method of producing a silica dielectric film, and Group II for claims 30-32 for a method of forming isolation structures in a semiconductor substrate. The Examiner has asserted that these groups of claims represent distinct inventions and may properly be restricted. Applicants hereby provisionally elect claim Group I directed to claims 1-29 for examination.

However, the restriction requirement is traversed. It should be noted, the Commissioner may statutorily require the election of inventions "If two or more independent and distinct inventions are claimed in one application." In the instant case the Examiner is alleging